

bottom portion with said plants in the seedling stage extending upwardly therefrom,  
said plants are freely received in and protected by said top portion, comprising  
providing a plurality of said containers, and providing said top wall of said top portion  
and a bottom wall of said bottom portion of each container with complementary  
portions to facilitate stacking of the containers and inhibit accidental tipping of a  
stack of the containers.

Claims 14 and 15 (canceled)

#### REMARKS

Applicant has rewritten claims 5, 9 and 11 in independent form. Dependent  
claims 6 and 13, both dependent from claim 5, remain in the application. The  
rejected claims 1 – 4, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 15 have been canceled.

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.  
Accordingly, early reconsideration and allowance of the application are requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees  
associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account  
No. 02-0915.

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